

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Confirmation No.: 8656

HING et al. : Group Art Unit: 1731

Serial No.: 09/787,922 : Examiner: C. Fiorilla

Filed: June 13, 2001 : Docket No.: HING3001/REF

For: FOAMED CERAMICS : Customer No.: 23364

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed with an RCE in connection with the above identified application. The RCE is being filed instead of the required appeal brief and it is requested that the appeal be withdrawn without prejudice and the prosecution continued in the RCE. The period for filing the appeal brief has been extended to expire on March 19, 2006, by the filing herewith of a petition for a one month extension of time and payment of the required fee.

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Remarks begin on page 8.